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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment to the specification.

Please replace the paragraph from page 3, last line to page 4, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--There exists a clearance ~~121~~ between the outer surface of the inner liner tube 12 and the inner surface of the inner pipe 1. The clearance ~~121~~ in the present embodiment is the groove 14. When the locking device is in the locking state, the detent pin 6 penetrates through one of the detent holes 9 and inserts into the clearance. Therefore, it is not liable for the detent pin 6 to escape from the detent hole 9 when the outer pipe 8 and the inner pipe 1 encounter an axial impact, thereby ensuring a reliable locking state between the inner pipe 1 and the outer pipe 8. The inner liner tube 12 is provided with end sealing members at two ends of the groove 14. The end sealing members block at both ends of the groove 14 the clearance between the outer wall of the inner liner tube 12 and the inner wall of the inner pipe 1. Thus, the portions of the inner pipe 1 where air leakage is liable to occur due to the detent holes are sealed by the end sealing members 15 and the inner liner tube 12. When the vacuum cleaner works and the airflow with negative pressure is flowing in the inner liner tube 12, no air will leak through the detent holes 9 into the inner liner tube 12.--